

Sheet 1 of 1Form PTO-1449
(REV. 8-83)US Dept. of Commerce
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICEATTY DOCKET NO.
117377APPLICATION NO.
10/673,497

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(Use several sheets if necessary)

APPLICANTS
Ryuji KAI et al.FILING DATE
September 30, 2003

1775

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
LX	1	US 6,248,689 B1	06/19/2001	MANSON		
LX	2	5,566,545	10/22/1996	HIJIKATA et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
LX	3	EP 0 134 002 A1 w/ abst	03/13/1985	Europe		
	4	EP 1 219 794 A1	07/03/2002	Europe		
	5	EP 0 736 503 A1	10/09/1996	Europe		
	6	WO 93/21429	10/28/1993	WIPO		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

EXAMINER

Curry Rn

DATE CONSIDERED

7/12/05

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Date: March 31, 2004